

6P- 3737

PATENT

1441-00109



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ward Casscells et al. § Examiner: *Unassigned*

Serial No.: 09/188,661 §

Filed: November 9, 1998 §

Title: **Method and Apparatus for Detection §
of Vulnerable Atherosclerotic Plaque** §

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
BOX DD
Washington, D.C. 20231

Group Art Unit: *Unassigned*

RECEIVED

OCT 26 1999

Group 3700

I hereby certify that on October 21, 1999 this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as Priority Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box DD, Washington, D.C. 20231.


Elizabeth R. Hall

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

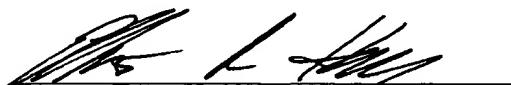
Enclosed herewith for filing with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office concerning the referenced patent application are the following documents:

- Information Disclosure Statement;
- Form PTO-1449 with copy of cited references; and
- Return receipt postcard.

Applicant believes that no fee is due with the filing of these papers. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1085.

Respectfully submitted,

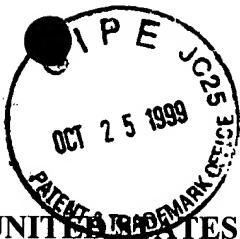
McDANIEL & ASSOCIATES


Elizabeth R. Hall
Reg. No. 37,344

Date: October 21, 1999

730 North Post Oak Road
Houston, Texas 77024
(713) 812-6525 - Phone

PATENT



BET
11.1.99
1441-00109 I FDS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ward Casscells et al.

§ Examiner: *Unassigned*

Serial No.: 09/188,661

§ Group Art Unit: *Unassigned*

Filed: November 9, 1998

Title: **Method and Apparatus for Detection
of Vulnerable Atherosclerotic Plaque**

§

§

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with Applicants' duty under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, Applicants hereby submit the attached Form PTO-1449 listing prior art of which Applicants are aware. The art listed herein while of some relevance, is not considered to teach or suggest the invention described and claimed in the above-identified patent application. This statement is not to be construed as a representation that no better art exists. Rather, the statement discloses only the best art of which Applicants are aware.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each of the cited references, indicate such consideration by initialing each reference on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, and return a copy of the same with the next communication to the Applicants. For the convenience of the Examiner in considering these references, copies of the cited references are enclosed with this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

McDANIEL & ASSOCIATES

Elizabeth R. Hall
Reg. No. 37,344

Date: October 21, 1999

730 North Post Oak Road
Houston, Texas 77024
(713) 812-6525 - Phone
(713) 812-6526 - Fax